

III. Remarks

Claims 1, 16 and 31 have been amended to define clearly the Applicants' invention. Claims 4 to 7, 12, 13, 17 to 20, 26, 27, 32 and 33 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 9, 10, 16, 22, 23, 28, 31 and 34 to 39 remain pending in the present application and are believed to distinguish patentably over the prior art.

Independent claims 1 and 16 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims identified as being allowable by the Examiner. Claim 31 has been amended to correct a typographical error noted by the Applicants. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 28, 31 and 34 to 39.

In view of the above, it is now believed the application is in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

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